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For: METHOD FOR FERMENTATION AND  
CULTIVATION, FERMENTED PLANT  
EXTRACT, FERMENTED PLANT EXTRACT  
POWDER, AND COMPOSITION  
CONTAINING THE EXTRACT OF  
FERMENTED PLANT

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

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**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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